

Steward Carpenter

(Former Democrat)

Steward J. L. Carpenter has been relieved of his duties at the Athens Hospital for the Insane and the appointees under the new organization have assumed control. It is only fair to say that this change has been brought about, as the report of the investigating committee appointed by Governor Harris shows, not because of any dereliction of duty or incompetency of the out-going steward, but solely because he bought the supplies for the institution from the wholesale house of Steadman in Athens, instead of from the wholesale house of The Eldridge Higgins Company of the same place.

Charles C. Higgins of the firm of The Eldridge Higgins Company filed the charges against Steward Carpenter because the latter bought from Steadman instead of from the Eldridge Higgins Company. Thus the investigation was the result of a selfish desire on the part of the complainant to get the trade of the big institution and not for the hope of doing a service to the State. It is claimed that The Eldridge Higgins Company is a branch of the Standard Oil Trust, which if true, sufficiently explains the motive of Mr. Higgins. That organization has never been charged with an attempt to foster competition. Steadman was a competitor and the little matter of blasting the reputation of an official counted nothing in the mind of the trust emissary, if only the trade of a great state institution could be garnered in to the insatiable maw of the octopus.

It is reported that on the very day, November 15th, that the successor of Mr. Carpenter took charge, the agent of the Eldridge Higgins Company called on him, soliciting orders for supplies for the big institution. The new steward will do well if Mr. Higgins does not reap the reward of his diligence in encompassing the removal of Mr. Carpenter.

The star chamber proceeding that took place at the time of the pretended investigation, the untiring interest and zeal shown by the man Higgins and the report as published are sufficient evidence that the whole thing was instituted and carried out, not in the interest of the public but in the interest of The Eldridge Higgins Company, seeking the trade of the institution on the one hand and the desire on the part of the superannuated old man, who is acting governor of the state, to do something in the line of reform, in order to help him in his desire to be elected a real governor of Ohio. Evidently, Governor Harris has been made the tool of the designing Mr. Higgins, in his scheme to get a steward at Athens through whom he hopes to control the trade of that institution.

In the investigation of Steward Carpenter's conduct, a Mr. Shirer, secretary of the Board of State Charities, was the chief actor. It was he who prepared the report in which he "regretted" that more evidence was not obtainable against the steward. Mr. Shirer acted as prosecutor in the taking of testimony and refused to allow the steward to have counsel present at the hearing. But in the course of the investigation, in going over the bills allowed, it developed that Mr. Shirer has been drawing \$25 per year from the institution for which there seems to be no authority in law. His compensation is fixed by statute section 657 of the Revised Statute of Ohio, at \$1200 a year and no more. As there are eight institutions in the state from which Mr. Shirer can, and doubtless does, draw that sum, it is evident that he has a little graft of \$200 per year that under the law is pure and unadulterated "yvet". The Governor might score a point in his race for the nomination he covets by calling for the return of all that Shirer has grafted from the state treasury and at the same time call for his resignation.

The Democrat has no particular interest in the pow-wow that has taken place at Athens further than as it reflects on a citizen of Meigs county. Mr. Carpenter is a citizen of this county. He has dabbled considerably in politics. He has been quite successful in that line. He has held many positions of trust. He has had much said about him in the newspapers but he has never been charged with financial crookedness until Charles C. Higgins did it. In view of the motive that prompted Mr. Higgins and after reading the report of the committee appointed, not to "investigate," but as the report stated to "verify" the charges against a Meigs county citizen. The Democrat does not hesitate to declare that in its judgment, J. L. Carpenter comes out as clear as any that had anything to do with it.

Meigs county has enough to hear on account of the shortcoming of republican politicians without having odium heaped on her by so unfair and contemptible a proceeding as that instituted against Steward Carpenter.



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Combs and hair ornaments with jewels and gold mounting, for all occasions and for all tones of hair.

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Charming little serving aprons, some stamped for eyelet embroidery, others for use.

Ladies fancy hose for street and evening.

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For Ladies, Gents and Children. Values never before known, assortments best ever shown.

Children's handkerchiefs, plain white, also with colored borders, 3 in fancy box at **15c.**

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Linen Handkerchiefs embroidered scallop, also lace trimmed, very sheer good value each, **25c.**

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Silks for Street and Evening.

Plaid Taffetas, Rob Roy Checks, Mousselines, Printed Wrap Chiffon Taffetas, with shadow tracings in all these are triumphs of artists and designers. Choose one of these; you are sure to make a hit.

Appropriate Gift at Glove Counter

Two clasp glove mocho walking glove, all colors, **50c.**

High grade pique street glove in lace and suede, new clasp, fancy stitching, all tones, **1.50.**

Leather Novelties, Ideal Christmas Gifts

Never before have we been able to present such quality in such styles and materials as at present. Articles for all occasions and to satisfy the pride and vanity of the most exacting patron.

Men's genuine leather goods, including men's bill and leather books, men's collar, cuffs and tie case, desirable article for traveling, made up in attractive style at **1.00.**

Ladies' silk, leather and bead purses latest ideas from style centers, all colors, metal fittings, chain attachments at 50c and **25c.**

Ladies shopping carriage, vanity and opera bags, ladies wrist and hand purses in handsome alligator and pig skin leathers all guaranteed to give excellent service come in **50c.**

Handsome leather novelties for ladies in new shades and fittings colors enough to match every gown in your wardrobe in suede and dressed leathers, Christmas specials at 2.00, 1.50 and **1.00.**

Childrens novelty purses, including a line of burnt leather, water color effects, canvas and plain leathers, all fresh stock, made to please and satisfy the little ones, 25c, 15c, **10c.**

Misses and juniors line of leather and bead purses, newest fittings of gilt and 3um metal, leather lined, many silk trimmed, all of genuine leather, prices **25c.**

Silk Petticoat Specials for Christmas Shoppers

Thoroughly dependable varieties, garments that are exquisite in quality, in workmanship, in finish and in fashion. Any one of these will please your friends and give splendid service long after Christmas sentiment has passed away.

Pure silk taffeta petticoats, black and colors, all strictly new stock, modeled to suit the pleasing styles in street dresses, **5.00.**

Ladies guaranteed silk petticoats, ample width, full flounce; dust ruffle, all tones and black, priced **5.00.**

All silk taffeta petticoats in new and pleasing effects, all popular tones extra width, deep flounce, with plaiting and ruffles, price **5.00.**

Christmas Umbrellas

Bewildering assortments of charming taffeta silk and serge umbrellas in tones that harmonize well with any gown. Attractive handles in rose wood, ivory mounted, pearl and metal handles. A broad range of choice to customers, **6.00.**

Holiday Suggestions

New and Fashionable Ideas in Small Furs, Match Sets, Neck Scarfs for Ladies, Misses and Children.

Prices within the reach of all who desire to wear furs, assortment that will out class many in point of style and reliability of line. Get our prices before making a selection, our style will meet your expectations or prices, are absolutely correct and gratifying.

Children's small pieces in Ermine and Chinshilla, also the natural and brook mink with **1.75.**

Children's Angora sets, styles showing the elaborate pellow mink, deep collars at **1.00.**

Misses and Children's fur sets, muff and collars in newest styles, line including natural and blended squirrel chincella and mink, satin lined dries 5.00 **3.50.**

Ladies fur throws with muff if desired in Russian quirel, gray fox also blue lynx made of several of newest models at 10.00, 7.50 **5.00.**

Ladies fur scarfs, match muff in your wish it, charming ideas, showing deep flat collar or cravat effects in blended squirrel, brown fox, Russian sable and black, lynx satin **7.50.**

Ladies high grade furs bringing out the popular gray idea, a number of bewitching effects that are sure to please at sight, with **10.00.**

Ladies fur sets in brown mink showing decided tracing of deep rich large pillow muff, deep flat stoles **25.00.**

skimmers satin lining, per set

Christmas Slippers and Shoes.

The greatest collections of Christmas footwear ever displayed in our town. New styles for every body and for every capacity of service, finest make known for their superiority, their elegance, their durability and their comfort; you'll want a pair when you see them.

Ladies House Slippers, pretty and practical gifts that every woman will appreciate, heavy felt slippers, all colors to match **1.00.**

Romeo house slippers, satin quilted also soft felt with flexible sole, low heels any color desired, felt lined, fur trimmed at **1.25.**

Ladies Boudoir slippers in soft dressed and suede leathers, a variety of appropriate cuts **1.50.**

Mens soft Dongola kid house slippers in tan and black, kid lined, **1.50.**

Mens Faust slippers in soft suede leather, both gray and black artistic designs, comfortable lasts, perfect fitting, price **2.00.**

Holiday specials in mens tan, gray and black house slippers in dressed suede and alligator leathers, chamois or kid lined, **1.50.**

Mens patent and gun metal dancing pump, with broad ribbon bow, both narrow and broad lasts, good style, price **1.75.**

Gaiters in light tones for ladies and gentlemen, if you care to be up to the minute have a pair early, these will be nabbed in a hurry, prices 75c, 50c and **25c.**

Christmas Suggestions

In our Mammoth Rug and Carpet Parlors.

Representatives from foreign and domestic mills. Stirring values in art square Door Mats, Hearth Rugs and Brussels Druggets.

Carpet with quality—Royal Wilton, Biglow, Wilton's Axminster, Tapestry and reversible wool carpets, matchless patterns with the kind of quality you have a right to expect at prices that will make you our permanent customer.

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